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Applicant: Bruce Tockman et al.

Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

Docket No.: 279.246US1  
Filed: August 1, 2000  
Examiner: Omar A. Khan

Serial No.: 09/630,000  
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Group Art Unit: 3762



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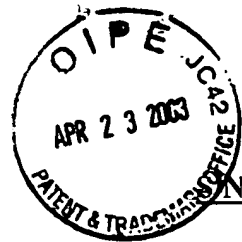
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Applicant has reviewed the final Office Action dated February 18, 2003. Please amend the application as follows: